Denial of reservation benefits to non-Hindu Safai Karamcharies

2588. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Non-Hindu Safai-Karamcharies have been deprived of the benefits of reservation of posts in the post and Telegraph Department having been excluded from the bottom to the social ladder;

(b) if so, the estimated population belonging to this category; and

(c) what steps are being taken to secure their due benefits to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Sir, reservation orders are applicable on the basis of caste and not on the basis of the nature of job or religion.

(b) No Sir, figures of safai karamcharies are not maintained according to their religion.

(c) Benefits as are applicable to all Government servants are applicable to them.

Overdrafts by States

2589. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of overdrafts with the various States of the country during 1990 to 1993 together with year-wise and State-wise break-up and ....

(b) present position of overdrafts in respect of these States, particularly of the Northern region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) A statement showing total number of occasions and total number of working days State Governments emerged/remained in overdrafts and the maximum amount of overdraft in States' accounts with the Reserve Bank of India during the financial years 1989-90 to 1992-93 is given in Annexure. (*See* Appendix 170, Annexure No. 56)

(b) The States' position of overdrafts in their accounts with State. Reserve Bank of India as on 8.3.1994 is as under:-

(Rs. in crores)

State	Amount of Overdraft
Goa	3.18 (7th day) (12th occasion during 1993-94)
Karnataka	28.21 (7th day) 9th occasion during 1993-94)
Kerala	66.55 (6th day) (7th occasion during 1993-94)
Madhya Pradesh	78.74 (7th day) (18th occasion during 1993-94)